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DialAmerica joined forces with the Leukemia Society in 1988 in the CURE 2000 fight against leukemia and other related diseases. The initial contribution to the society was \$40,000 and the company now contributes an average \$1.8 million annually. I quote Dwayne Howell, president and chief executive officer of the Leukemia Society:

DialAmerica is our largest corporate sponsor. Not only do we receive "no cost" dollars but we benefit from increased public awareness of the society. DialAmerica has proven to be an invaluable source of support for our research program.

I know personally the tragedy of leukemia: My husband and I lost our son, Todd, to leukemia in 1976 at the age of 17. At that time, bone marrow transplants and other techniques that offered hope were only in their experimental stages. Since then, many advances have been made that have spared thousands of other parents the heartbreak we faced. It is thanks to the dedicated, selfless people of the Leukemia Society—through their fundraising, their research, the goodwill, and the awareness they promote—that hope can be maintained. The people of the Leukemia Society are a shining example of how the kindness and caring of volunteers can support direct research as it races to a cure.

Today, we are within grasp of a cure but research costs money. I thank God for those who are willing to contribute to this cause and pray that with their help a cure can be found and that no child will ever again have to suffer from this terrible disease.

#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SELF-DEFENSE ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER G. TORKILDSEN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 1995*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (S. 21) to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Chairman, just last week here in Washington we dedicated a new memorial—albeit some decades late—to the veterans of the Korean war. This new monument sits directly across the Reflecting Pool from another great monument, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Both monuments offer moving testimony to the sacrifice of American service men and women who fought in those far away foreign lands.

My colleagues, with the memories of United States intervention in both Korea and Vietnam fresh in our minds, I stand before you today in opposition to unilaterally lifting the embargo on Bosnia.

Sometimes the United States should be looking at committing armed forces to an area. More recently, the commitment of United States troops to fight in the Persian Gulf war was just such an example. But Bosnia is not the Persian Gulf, or Vietnam, or Korea.

Lifting the current embargo could ultimately drag America, and American soldiers, into a no-win situation.

The Clinton administration has already pledged to our European allies that United States troops will be committed to assist U.N. or NATO forces withdraw from the region.

If we lift the embargo now—a move which, granted, may be politically attractive—we run the risk of escalating an armed war prior to United States and allied withdrawal. This is, sadly, a very real scenario—and one I hope we avoid.

As difficult as it seems, we must return to advancing diplomatic initiatives to end the violence in Bosnia. Lifting the arms embargo will only assure an increase in violence, and sadly, may draw U.S. soldiers into that fight as well.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose this measure to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUSICAL DRAMA "TEXAS"

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 2, 1995*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to salute the musical drama, "Texas," as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. Set in the natural confines of Palo Duro Canyon State Park in the Texas panhandle, "Texas" has maintained its reputation as the best attended outdoor drama in the country, as well as the Official Play of the State of Texas. The Palo Duro Canyon State Park is located near Canyon, TX, and is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Since its inception in 1966, "Texas," produced by the nonprofit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. has contributed over \$1 million from show revenues to the department.

Written by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Paul Green, "Texas" portrays the struggle and hardships, celebration and joy of early settlers living in the Texas panhandle. Well over 2½ million people from across the country and around the world have come to the Grand Canyon of Texas to watch this epic story, which captures the uniqueness of the Lone Star State.

The talented cast of over 80 singers and dancers act out the historic tale on the stage of an open-air theater with a 600-foot cliff serving as a backdrop. "Texas" uses great choreography and stirring music to tell its story. Modern technology has improved props, sound effects, and light displays to help make "Texas" nights an unforgettable experience.

The play "Texas" embodies the true values of a great musical romance. I now ask that you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues join me in commending "Texas" for 30 wonderful seasons. As we look forward to the next 30 seasons, I am confident this extraordinary musical drama will continue its professional depiction of early Texas history for our children and our children's children.

#### SALUTING THE UNITED CHIOS SOCIETIES OF AMERICA

**HON. JACK FIELDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 2, 1995*

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I want to salute the fine work of the United Chios Societies of America on the occasion of the organization's upcoming second international convention. That second international convention will be held in Chios, Greece, from August 9 to 13.

Members of the Chios Societies of America work for the betterment of the citizens of Chios, a Greek island that played a prominent role in Greece's war for independence in 1822. But through their membership in the Chios Societies of America, individuals of Greek descent celebrate their identity while also preserving their ancient heritage.

Chian societies date back to the early 20th century, when they were founded chiefly as social groups for men with common interests and a common heritage who found themselves living in a new land thousands of miles from their native Greece. Scattered throughout the northeast, the organizations had little contact with one another until the 1930's, when Andrew Poulos, a young and dynamic Chian, established a national organization.

In the years since the national organization was founded, its members have joined together to help the men, women, and children of Chios in a variety of ways—as well as to strengthen and preserve their heritage of which they are so justifiably proud.

America is understandably proud of being the world's melting pot. But all Americans, whatever their nationality retain a special emotional tie to the lands of their ancestors—and the members of the Chios Societies of America are no different.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in wishing the members and officers of the Chios Societies of America—especially Mr. Nick Marinakis of New York, who will serve as convention chairman, and his brother, Markos Marinakis, also of New York—well as they hold their second international convention next week.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 2, 1995*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from voting on Monday evening, July 31. I was attending a child-birth class with my wife, Deborah, and I was unable to return in time to vote on the Stokes amendment to H.R. 2099, rollcall 605. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes," just as I did when the Stokes amendment passed the House on Friday, July 28, rollcall 599. I am saddened and disappointed that this provision was defeated, as I have continually fought for clean air and safe drinking water. I would like my colleagues to know that I wish I had been available to vote on this measure.